

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. - 14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) A colloidal dispersion comprising particles of a cerium compound, an iron compound, an acid and an organic phase, and comprising a compound of ~~at least one element selected from the group consisting of~~ rhodium and palladium.

16. (Currently Amended) The dispersion as claimed in claim 15, further comprising particles of a compound of cerium ~~and of~~ another rare earth.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently Amended) The dispersion as claimed in claim ~~47~~ 15, wherein the content of rhodium ~~the element~~ is ~~presets a content of~~ not more than 5% with respect to the combination of the elements cerium, other rare earth and iron of ~~the particles~~.

19. (Currently Amended) 'The dispersion as claimed in claim 47 15, wherein the content of rhodium ~~the element~~ is not more than 0.5% with respect to the combination of the elements cerium, other rare earth and iron ~~of the~~ ~~abovementioned particles~~.

20. (Currently Amended) The dispersion as claimed in claim 15, wherein the compound of rhodium ~~the element~~ is bound to the particles.

21. (Currently Amended) The dispersion as claimed in claim 47 15, wherein cerium is present in a proportion of not more than 50%, optionally not more than 20% in moles of cerium oxide  $\text{CeO}_2$  with respect to the total number of moles of cerium oxide and iron oxide  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ .

22. (Previously Presented) The dispersion as claimed in claim 16, wherein the other rare earth is lanthanum or praseodymium.

23. (Previously Presented) The dispersion as claimed in claim 15, wherein the acid is an amphiphilic acid.

24. (Previously Presented) The dispersion as claimed in claim 15, wherein at least 90% of the particles are single crystal particles.

25. (Currently Amended) The dispersion as claimed in claim 15, wherein the particles have a  $d_{50}$  of ~~between 1 and to 5 nm, optionally between 2 and 4 nm.~~

26. (Currently Amended) A method for preparing a dispersion ~~as claimed in claim 15~~, comprising the steps of:

a) preparing an aqueous mixture comprising at least one cerium salt, optionally a salt of a rare earth other than cerium and an iron salt, and a salt of at least one element selected from the group consisting of rhodium and palladium;

b) contacting the aqueous mixture of step (a) with a basic medium to form a reaction mixture whose pH is maintained at a basic pH, thereby producing a precipitate; and

c) the precipitate obtained in step b) is contacted with the acid and the an organic phase, to obtain an organic colloidal dispersion.

27. (Previously Presented) A fuel additive for internal combustion engines comprising a colloidal dispersion as defined in claim 15.

28. (Currently Amended) A fuel for internal combustion engines, ~~obtained by mixing~~ comprising a mixture of a standard fuel with a colloidal dispersion as claimed in claim 15.

29. (New) The dispersion as claimed in claim 25, wherein the  $d_{50}$  is 2 to 4 nm.

30. (New) The dispersion as claimed in claim 15, further comprising  
palladium.